



Warrior Tales Storyteller Cluster

At the completion of each text, create an annotated bibliography entry of that source. Write 2-6 sentences that succinctly summarize the focus and function of the source. Include citation using correct MLA format in 12 pt font, single-spaced, with a space between citation info and the response. [This info is provided on back side.]

For 9/5 Read "Why Do Warriors Need a Code?"

Read provided samples of 'codes of conduct' from a variety of organizations. How do these codes answer these questions:

1. How do the groups of people regulated by these codes compare (consider age, occupation, relative status)?
2. Who is the primary enforcer of these codes?
3. Where is the overlap among the codes?
4. Where is divergence among the codes?

In a short but formal response (250-500 word), consider the significance of the similarities and differences among these codes. Synthesize your ideas into a strong central thesis; refer specifically to **at least three of the codes** and refer to French's article **at least twice**.

For 9/7 Complete Warrior Codes synthesis writing

For 9/11 Read *Beowulf* to page 52

For 9/13 Read *Beowulf* to page 81

For 9/17 Read *Beowulf* to page 121

For 9/19 Read *Grendel* 1-2

For 9/21 Read *Grendel* 3-4

For 9/25 Read *Grendel* 11-12

For 9/27 Read Battle of Thermopylae photocopy

For 10/1 Annotated bibliography due; Synthesis essay start in class

For 10/3 Synthesis essay due

SYNTHESIS PROMPT:

The significance of a warrior's actions is shaped by the storyteller rather than by reality.

Defend, challenge, or qualify

Draw substantially on at least both ancient sources and two modern sources. Provide parenthetical citation when appropriate (quotes as well as facts, ideas, or concepts you have borrowed, even when you write the ideas into your own words). The final product should demonstrate a substantial response to the overarching themes of the whole first quarter as well as your thoughtful approach to a major essay.

** Web ideas. Pull quotes. Reflect on each work and what links you find between them. **

Ancient

Beowulf (Raffel trans.)
Histories Book 7 (Herodotus)

Modern

"Why Do Warriors Need a Code?" (French)
Beowulf and Grendel (Gunnarsson 2006)
Beowulf (Zemeckis 2008)
Grendel (John Gardner)
300 (Miller and Varley)
300 (Snyder 2007)
"The 300: Fact or Fiction" (Matthies and Todd)

SOURCES in correct MLA format

300. Dir. Zack Snyder. Warner Home Video, 2007. DVD.
"The 300: Fact or Fiction." Producer Eric Matthies and Tricia Todd. Warner Home Video, 2007. DVD.
Beowulf. Trans. Burton Raffel. New York: Mentor, 1963.
Beowulf. Dir. Robert Zemeckis. Paramount Pictures, 2008. DVD.
Beowulf and Grendel. Dir. Sturla Gunnarsson. Starz/Anchor Bay, 2006. DVD.
French, Shannon E. "Why Do Warriors Need A Code?" *Chivalry Today*. 2004, 2 May 2008
<<http://www.chivalrytoday.com/Essays/French/Warrior-Code-1.html>>.
Gardner, John. *Grendel*. New York: Vintage Books Edition, 1989. Print.
"The History of Herodotus, Parallel English/Greek Index." Trans. G. C. Macaulay. London: Macmillan, 1890. *Internet Sacred Text Archive Home*. Web.
Miller, Frank and Lynn Varley. *300*. Milwaukie, OR: Dark Horse Books, 1999. Print.

Original Thinking:

- Demonstrates sophisticated, original analysis drawing on multiple sources to state clear response to statement
- Avoids unnecessary plot summary, emphasizes in-depth analysis

Support, Details, and Evidence:

- Uses numerous significant supporting examples to support points, including quotes, using correct parenthetical citation and works cited
- Draws on *Beowulf*, *Histories*, and two modern sources _____ and _____

Organization and Clarity:

- Demonstrates structural unity (intro, topic sentences in body paragraphs, transitions between ideas, conclusion)
- Demonstrates grammatical and mechanical accuracy

Grading:	A	Work surpasses some/all criteria, demonstrates superior thoughtfulness
	B	Work capably meets all criteria
	C	Work meets some of the criteria
	D/F	Criteria has not been met

Length? Aim for 1000-1500 words to thoughtfully develop your response with adequate evidence.

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